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In re Patent Application of

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For: PRE-PURIFICATION UNIT OF CRYOGENIC AIR SEPARATION UNIT,  
HYDROCARBON ADSORBENT, AND METHOD OF PRE-TREATING FEED AIR

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2009 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due March 8, 2010. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$490 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 8, 2010. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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